

DISTRICT SEVEN CRIME & SAFETY MEETING

Monday, November 15, 2010
Covenant Lutheran Church
8121 W. Hope
6:30 PM

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Ofc. Darcy Trunkel called the meeting to order.

II. **CRIME REVIEW:** Captain Jessup reported crime is down as a whole with the exception of “shootings.”

Shootings: There has been a marked increase in shootings particularly in District Seven for the past month. Most shootings were retaliations between crime crews and gangs or related to Domestic Violence.

Homicide: There was a homicide in the 3100 block of N. 54th Street around 2:00AM. There were two men in a car arguing prior to one getting out of the car and being shot. The police have made an arrest in this case. Neither individual lived in the area.

Burglary Patterns: These change week by week. The police follow up on leads and there are hundreds of arrests. There has been a spike in burglary, particularly in the area of 80th and Villard. One suspect was arrested who was responsible for 5 offenses. There have been 44 burglaries more than last year at this time.

Robbery: A number of robberies occurred between 44th and 49th on Fond du Lac Avenue.

Holiday Crimes: The police are stepping up patrols to deter “holiday” crime by patrolling parking lots around shopping centers, bus stops and adjacent areas. The police remind citizens to be discreet when disposing of boxes in the trash. Do not advertise what new items are in your house. Keep porch and yard lights on. Close your blinds/drapes at night. Call a neighbor if you are returning home after dark to keep an eye out for you. Watch out for each other.

III. **“BRIGHT LIGHTS-BRIGHT NIGHTS” WINNER— Ofc. Trunkel and Alderman Jim**

Bohl announced the winner—Block Captain Ron Stechcon and his neighbors on the 8100 block of Lyndmar Terrace. This block has consistently had their porch and yard lights on at night. The block wins a dinner prepared by the District Block Watch Council. They also received a special award from Alderman Jim Bohl.

IV. **HARDEN YOUR TARGET —Calvin Boston from Felmers Chaney Correctional Center**

Mr. Boston served seven years in Waupun due to a revocation of probation for burglary. He began burglarizing houses in an attempt to gain favor with his older brother. Often older people take advantage of youngsters to do their bidding.

He talked about how he canvassed a neighborhood. Sometimes he came to a neighborhood on the bus, sometimes he rode his bicycle through the neighborhood.

Weak Target	Hard Target
No cars in driveway	Security Alarm system
Single family home with no houses behind them or in front. (Less chance of being seen)	Block Watch signs (Implies Neighbors watching)
Boxes of recent purchases in the trash	Security doors/windows
Isolated houses	Motion lights
Residents who mind their own business	People visible in the neighborhood
Flimsy/weak locks	Dogs that bark

- Most burglars have a specialty, i.e. Some just want jewelry/electronics/money/tools/coins/stamps
- Some burglars actually take “orders” Do you want a TV? X-Box? Valuable Watch?
- Some burglars work alone; some work in teams or crews.
- Many times, burglars will ring the doorbell of three houses next to each other. If they get no response, they will break in the middle house (Less likely be detected)
- Burglars usually spend the most time in the living room or master bedroom.
(*Want to hide something? The Attic. Most burglars will not go there. Or under your dog's bed*)
- If a burglar enters your house at night, they know you are there. This is a very dangerous situation. Get out of the house. Call the police
- Do NOT leave an unattended car running to warm up in the winter.
- Many burglars already know what you have. Some are friends of your family members.
- **Get to know your neighbors. Watch out for each other!!!!**
- **Burglars LOVE neighborhoods where everyone minds their own business.**

V. UPDATES:

COURT WATCH:

We are collecting **Community Impact Statements** for the case against Wendell Evans who has been convicted of stalking older women while they shopped at the Sentry Food stores on Lisbon or coming from the banks in the area. He has been convicted of nine felony counts. His sentencing date is coming up in early December. **(12-16)** Mr. Evans lived in the neighborhood. (On 48th and Auer.) If his crimes have affected your sense of well being, be sure to fill out a Community Impact Statement. You can get them from Steve O'Connell (445-7472), Maureen Doyle (871-8425) or Yousef Schlussel yschlussel@gmail.com. or Walter Silverman zevdovid@att.net

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT MEETING: Due to the holiday season, we will not be having a December Crime and safety Meeting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS